

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 17

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2008:

With regard to the \$2.8 million allocated to the national community consultation into the protection of human rights in Australia:

- a) provide a breakdown of where the money is currently being spent and what has been rephased, and
- b) how much has been expended to date?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) The department has funding of \$2.8m for national community consultation for 2008-09 comprising \$2.1m in administered funding and \$0.7m in departmental funding. Of the administered funding for 2008-09, \$0.915m was originally appropriated in 2007-08 but was moved to 2008-09 in the 2008-09 Budget. Of the departmental funding for 2008-09, \$0.203m was appropriated in 2007-08 but will now be spent in 2008-09. The departmental funding is currently being spent on staffing for the consultation and related support costs. To 20 October 2008, no administered funds have been spent.
- b) In the 2007-08 financial year the total expenditure on the national consultation was \$22,350.08. The total expenditure in the current financial year, up to the end of September 2008, was \$65,099.88.